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## SINKING OF STEAMER PERSIA, WITH LOSS OF AMERICAN LIFE, CREATES NEW CRISIS; PRESIDENT CUTS SHORT HONEYMOON I

Medical Examiner of Stratford Reports Case of John T. MacIlroy to County Official—Dead Man Had Leaned Toward Christian Science But Was Not Member of the Faith.

Unusual circumstances attending the death of John T. Macllroy, a prominent resident of Stratford, have been reported by Medical Examiner William H. Cogswell of that town to Coroner John J. Phelan.

MacIlroy's death occurred early to- | MacIlroy was widely known in both day. He had been ill for 10 days. Stratford and Bridgeport, He was believed to be the cause of his Illness, at first, but as his once was master of St. John's lodge, condition grew more serious complications arose. No physician saw the finite result of the parameter of St. John's lodge, definitions arose. No physician saw the finite result of the parameter of St. John's lodge, definitions arose. F. & A. M., of Stratford. He was employed as an accountant with the Bridgeport Chain Co.

MacIlroy had been in his home for MacIlroy had been in his home for 10 days. Most of the time he was bedridden. Last night he was lapsing

Ruyter Howland, of Stratford, was summoned by the little son of the patient.

Because of the critical nature of his liness, the physician, learning that no other medical aid has been given Machroy, reported the circumstances to Dr. Cogswell. That official today gave the cause of death as bronchial pneumonia, but owing to the non-attendance of physician, he decided that the case was properly one for the coroner to investigate.

Macliroy had taken a keen interest in the tenets of Christian Science. This, his friends said today, was the reason he refused to allow any physician to attend him. He was not a insender of the Christian Science childh although be often attended its meetings. Its pastor, Rev. E. C. Carpenter, called at the Macliroy home, in Spring street, yesterday. It was said in Stratford today that the clerance of physicians. He said Mr. Macliroy appeared much interested in the plance of physicians. He said Mr. Macliroy appeared much interested in the plance of physicians. He said Mr. Macliroy appeared much interested in the plance of physicians of North avenue is the other reader of the church. There is no branch in Stratford.

**COUNSEL DENIES** 

GERTRUDE PIKE

Pleads Attorney, in Su-

perior Court Today.

Gertrude Pike, the rich New York

esident who is making a fight to be

in Stamford, appeared again before

Judge Curtis in the civil superior

court this morning. She was accom-

tarium. Mrs. Pike, a pale-faced

woman, apparently about 35 years

ftarium in October. 1914. Last month

she was formally adjudged insane by two physicians appointed by the Stam-

Attorney Tinney of New York, who represents Mrs. Pike, filed a petition today in which he declared Mrs. Pike was not a resident of this state, that

she is not and never has been insane

and has been deprived of her liberty without due process of law. Attorney

Dr. Givens, asked time to frame a re

ply to this petition so court was ad-

journed until late this afternoon. Mrs.

Pike was brought into court on a writ

of habeaus corpus served on Dr.

\$300 IN STOCKING

Mrs. Paula Crokus, whose hus-

band, John, is a Crane Co. employe, went to bed with her stockings on last night, because she thought one of the st. ings would be the safest place she could select

to conceal a roll of \$300 the family had accumulated for furnishing

a new home.

About 2 o'clock this morning her

boarding house, 405 Main street, resounded with screams of the

resounded with screams of the baby who shared the mother's bed.

Mrs. Crokus awoke and felt a draft

upon her lower limbs. She started up with sudden fear, found her

Bright and early she appeared in the detective bureau at police headquarters to ask assistance in recovering her little fortune.

cking down, and her money

WHILE SHE SLEEPS

WOMAN ROBBED OF

ockwood of Stamford, representing

old, was handsomely dressed.

ford probate court.

panied by two nurses from the sani- \$450 to \$750.

vonian, apparently about 35 years of the state treasurer a check for \$46. dt, was handsomely dressed.

She declares her husband, Arthur gets \$18,429.25. In this city 846 liquor

IS NOT NORMAL

#### **BIRMINGHAM TO** RESIGN BY JUNE; MANY VISIT HIM

Head of Police Department Has Many Callers At Headquarters.

MANY CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT SOON were on board.

Cronan is Likely to Get Arnold's Place in Detective Bureau.

sign this year. He has not decided Mediterranean as were the Persia, definitely on the date but said that it might be as early as April. The superintendent is completing his 44th year in the police department. He year in the police department. He was appointed a member Nov. 25,

At police headquarters this morn ing were more than a score of ad-mirers of the superintendent, many of them prominent in the civic life of Bridgeport, who called to extend the easons greetings. Many of them urged him to alter his/purpose of resigning, but to no avail. All complimented him upon his unblemished record. for service, a record which has no equal in the country.

Who will be the successor of Supt Birmingham is still unsettled. It may be Lieut, Charles H. Suckley. There will be many other changes including those in the detective bureau, to be caused by the resignation of Captain George H. Arnold, which will take place at the same time as that of

Supt. Birmingham. Edward O. Cronan, senior detective sergeant, is likely to he head of the bureau. Lieut. Philip Blansfield al-

so is mentioned. Around police headquarters the latest suprise is the mention of Detective-Sergeant George A. Haux as the probable appointee to the proposed new ition of Lieutenant tive bureau. Sergeant Haux has act-ed as clerk for Captain Arnold as well as handling the Bertilon system for the last six years. Haux is a sonin-law of Superintendent Birmingham. Captain John H. Redgate is said to have the backing of the manufacturing interests for the office of Su-

Captain John H. Regan has als een mentioned for the office and if the choice of his successor was left to Superintendent Birmingham it is said that Capt. Regan would receive

perintendent.

lyn dry dock.

New Year's Function

Miss Harriet Hummel entertained a

party of friends at her home, 119

James street, New Year's evening. Fa-

vers in keeping with the holiday spirit were presented to the guests. Sing-

Laveen, Gus Herthal, Jr., Joe Falvey

Never Has Been Insane, Raise in License Cost Brings Among the men mentioned for retirement are: Superintendent Eugen-Hirmingham, 44 years on the department: Capt. George H. Arnold, 47 years; Captain William H. Anderson, 43 years; Detective Sergeant Peter Hackett, 32 years; Lieutenant John. The city of Bridgeport will receive check for \$119,789.80 for its share eleased from Dr. Givens' canitarium of the money derived from the sale of of the money derived from the sale of liquor licenses during December. This is a large increase over the amount received last year due to the fact that

The police board have asked for an

the price of licenses was raised from appropriation calling for the appointment of 60 policemen. If this request is granted several more street sergeants will be appointed and ten men added to the detective bureau. A squad of 20 plainclothes men will be signed to night duty on the streets E. Pike, a prominent Wall street licenses have already been issued, 43 broker, abducted her from her River-drug and one beer, During the past drug and one beer. During the past tween 40 and 60 policemen will be appointed and other changes will take place, probably in April.

#### mide Drive apartment and rushed her month \$30 was received from the sale in an automobile to the Stamford san- of club licenses. FRENCH RELEASE GERMANS SEIZED ON U.S. VESSELS

CITY'S SHARE IN

LIQUOR REVENUE

**ABOUT \$120,000** 

Great Increase to Bridge-

port Treasury.

The county commissioners also sent

Washington, Jan. 3-The State Department was officially advised today that the French government, in response to representations made by the United States, has ordered the immediate release of Germans recently removed from American ships on the high seas by the French cruiser Des

#### FINE MAN WHO BAITED COPS.

Playing hide-and-seek with police men who responded repeatedly to his calls for help, cost Stephen Galinko \$5 and costs in the city court today. Galinko caused an uproar in Spruce street, where he lives, early today, by yelling from an open window on the second floor, then on the third floor, and hiding when the policemen rushed into the house to prevent what they supposed to be an impending ing and dancing were enjoyed and a tragedy. They finally discovered him hiding in an unused chimney. He was charged with drunkenness, creating a disturbance and resisting arrest.

Hazel Cavanaugh, Ester Laveen, Lou-

ise Franz, Margaret Rivers, Bessie Garvey, Katherine Brennan, Florence A heavy snowstorm struck Sacramento, Cal., and the district about and Beatrice Coughlin, Mrs. Annie there.

A public reception will be held to Denis Tobin, William Lamond, and relcome Kenry Ford back to Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Tomlinson.

### TEN KILLED AS ANOTHER BRITISH PASSENGER SHIP IS TORPEDOED AND SUNK

London, Jan. 3-The British steamship Glengyle has been sunk. Ten lives were lost. There are about 100 survivors. The Glengyle had on board about 120 persons, passengers and crew. All, with the exception of three Europeans and seven Chinese, were landed. So far as is known no Americans

The Glengyle, which was homeward bound from Shanghai, was sunk in the Mediterranean on Sunday. This was her

for London on Nov. 25. She was last Mediterranean became pronounced. reported at Singapore on Dec. 6. Her was owned by the Glen Line, of Glas-Superintendent Eugene Birmingham of the police department today
stated to the Farmer that he will remay be assumed she was sunk in the
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may be assumed she was sunk in the she was route would take her through the Suez gow, and was the largest steamship of

steamships which have been sunk Captain Webster.

The Glengyle sailed from Shanghai since the activity of submarines in the

# DEATH LIST ON PERSIA

London, Jan 3 .- The loss of life in | not been established. onnection with the sinking of the British steamship Persia torpedoed in

was destroyed.

The passengers numbered something more than 200 and there were between 200 and 300 members of the crew, so the Bastern Mediteranean on Thurs- that apparently the death list will run day afternoon, is still a matter of doubt. Latest advices from Cairo and Alexandria indicate that 158 survivors have been landed, of whom 59 were passengers. Hope that other have been saved is diminishing, as four days have now elapsed since the vessel was destroyed.

That apparently the death list will run arguly over 200. Fragmentary accounts of the disaster as have been obtained add little new information concerning the cause of the sinking. All agree, however, that the Persia sank with extraordinary speed, within five minutes after she was struck. was destroyed.

None of the survivors who have thus
No further word has been received far reported their experiences saw any

was drowned. The safety of Charles by the sinking of the Persia is indicated by the unrestrained tone of lished, it is thought Mr. McNeely was the only American who perished. It is still impossible to give even with approximate accuracy the loss of life, as are in progress between the United the number of persons on board has States and Austria.

#### RUSSIAN FRONT SCENE OF NEW ALLIED ATTACK

General Ivanoff's Forces in Drive Make Considerable Headway.

London, Jan. 3.-The latest despatches from the southern extremity of the Russian front indicate that heavy fighting is continuing, with the Russian army of General Ivanoff gaining ground. One correspondent re-ports that these operations began with an offensive movement on the part of the Austrians, designed to straighten their line and that after repulsing this attack, the Russians assumed the in-

It is evident that the Russian advance has now extended a considerable distance beyond the Stripa river. In other despatches it is asserted that two great offensive actions clashed, the Russians having ad-vanced as a threat against the Teutons in their Balkan operations while the Austrians and Germans felt the necessity of improving their positions against the Russian. Whatever may be the facts of the case, there is no doubt the result of these operations will have an important effect on the

New York, Jan. 3 .- One Balkan campaign.

It is reported with increasing freman was killed, 10 were seriously injured and 18 others planning an attack on Saloniki but they are said to be experiencing diffiare missing following an exculties with Bulgaria which does not plosion and fire today in the steamship Aztec at a Brook- paign unless it promises something glasses and gold coin. Most of the sition is not to assign the incident of rels at Alexandria, Egypt, dated Jan. more than expulsion of the allies from baggage of the expedition will be the gub to a place in consideration of 1, and received vestarday. It was wish to participate in such a cam-

> In Athens anxious thought is being from Copenhagen, given to the seizure of the consuls representing Germany and her allies at Soloniki. It is expected that so far as Greece is concerned, the incident will be closed with the release of the consuls under safe conduct.

While requiring some such action by the entente powers, Greece also has protested to Germany against the aeroplane attack on Saloniki. England awaits with interest details regarding the bill for compulsory mil-itary service which Premier Asquith will introduce in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

It is announced that Ireland will come within the scope of the bill.

THE WEATHER Fair and colder Tuesday

### LOCKED IN CARS, PEACE JITNEURS TO GO TO HAGUE

Germany Grants Ford Party Right to Cross Territory Under Close Watch.

Copenhagen, Jan. 3-The German government has granted the Ford peace expedition permission to travel Copenhagen next Friday.

The final arrangements for the trip, were made through the German consul in Copenhagen who, after consultation with Berlin, announced that his government was willing for the mission to proceed through German This privilege was granted despite the refusal of the Ameri can state department to extend the passports of the members of the party to cover a belligerent.

Their train will be sealed, everyone being locked within. No one will be permitted to touch German soil during the journey. The members of the mission will not be permitted to carry written, printed or typewrit-

in complications for the entire party. Other things that the party must was armed for destruction of subma- survivor. Can obtain affidavit if reabandon before reaching German territory are cameras, postcards, opera shipped back to the United States

It is announced that the expedition will disband at The Hague on Jan. 12, from Rotterdam on that day.

#### Worcester's Mayor

Hits Bonding Policy

worcester, Jan. 3—in his inaugural alarmed and amazed American only address today, Mayor George M. claim the day apprehensions most probably lost. Of a total 400 address today, according to the claim the day alarmed of the part few passengers and crew, 155 landed at Wright urged a continuation of the over the development of the next few "pay-as-you-go" policy adopted by days. the city ten months ago. Under this The department gave out two despolicy loans are prohibited except for patches regarding the sinking of the enlargement of water works, erection Persia. The first, from Consul Genof new high school buildings, elimination of grade crossings, construction "P. & O. steamer Persia torpedoed of trunk sewers, enlargement of sew- 40 miles southeast of Crete, Thursday, age purification works and great 1:05 p. m., without warning. Nation

Chief Executive To Return To Capital at Once To Take Charge of Investigation of Newest U-Boat Attack-Vienna, Ready to Disavow Attack If By Austrian Submarine, Asks For Fullest Inquiry-Parallel to Arabic Crisis Seen in Loss of Passenger Ship With United States Consul Aboard—State Department. To Serve Warnings on All Teutonic Allies.

#### DEVELOPMENTS TODAY IN SUBMARINE WARFARE AFFECTING UNITED STATES

President Wilson curtails honeymoon and leaves Hot Springs, Va., for Washington to direct investigation of attack on steamer Persia.

Baron Zwiednek, Austrian charge in Washington, says Vienna will repudiate sinking if accomplished by Austrian submarine.

Steamer Persia carried one gun, United States consul reports. Position of gun mounting will figure largely in determining whether attack was warrranted,

Officials view latest developments in U-boat warfare, which killed one American, as paralleling crisis with Germany over Arabic incident.

Another British steamer, the Glengyle, with 120 passengers, sunk in Mediterranean. No Americans reported among ten lives lost.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- President Wilson will return to the capital tomorrow to take charge of the new crisis in foreign relations caused by the submarine campaign in the Mediterranean with the loss of American life.

After conferences over the telephone between the President and Private Secretary Tumulty and Secretary Lansing, it was announced at the White House and also at Hot Springs, Va., that the President would start back to Washington tonight, arriving

#### CASE PARALLELS ARABIC CRISIS

It was stated authoritatively that the destruction of the British liner Persia, with loss of American life, and the sinking of concerning Robert N. McNeely, American of a submarine.

The extent to which popular feeling there seems to be little doubt that he has been aroused in the allied nations of the United States with the Teutonic powers that the President considered it necessary to return to the White House at once for conferences with Secretary Lansing and the other members of the cabinet to shape the course of the government.

The situation as it exists today was described in official quarters as paralleling the crisis which was caused by the sinking of the Arabic close on Germany's assurances in response to the presentations of the United States on the destruction of the

During the morning Baron Zwiedinek, Charge of the Austrian embassy, called on Secretary Lansing and asked that judgment be withheld until all the facts were in and expressed his belief that a final explanation would be satisfactory. He also sought any available information for the benefit of his government.

#### AUSTRIA READY TO REPUDIATE ATTACK

Baron Zwiedinek also assured Secretary Lansing that if it were proved that an Austrian submarine had sunk the Persia his government would give full reparation and satisfaction.

While American officials are keeping their minds open until they have all the facts in the Persia case officially and know to The Hague through Germany by whether Americans were endangered in the sinking of the Glenspecial train. The party will leave gyle, the gravity of the situation is not minimized and the declaration of Baron Zwiedinek, the Austrian charge, that he was confident the final explanation would satisfy, has not lessened the

One new fact developed today in the Persia case. The American consul at Alexandria reported that the ship carried one 4.7 inch gun but did not state where the gun was mounted. This may become a factor in the case. The Hague convention, however, provides that a merchant ship may carry a gun mounted on the stern for purposes of defense without being considered an armed ship.

#### Persia Carried Gun

question of whether a gun was mounted on the Persia will depend entirely government could contend the Persia whose military secretary Bingham is rines and had instructions to ram or quired." destroy the submersibles. The dispothe case until all the facts are known.

around the British Isles. Coming track. close on the conciliatory assurances in

The department gave out two desality submarine unknown as not vis-

350 passengers and crew, including The official view here is that the many women and children. About 150 saved. Survivors picked up after 30 hours by British destroyer Mallard." "Reported that American consul The concealment of any paper, even of an innocent character, will result forward officials realized the Austrian tails given me by high commissioner

> The second was from Consul Gar-"P. & O. liner Persia carrying 4.7 Officials consider that the Austrian gun, sunk five minutes past 1 after-submarine campaign in the Mediter- noon Dec. 30th, about 300 miles north-

> noon Dec. 30th, about 300 miles northranean has brought on just such a west Alexandria. Presumably torcrists as did the German submarine pedo, no submarine was seen, second campaign in the declared war zone officer Bromley seeing torpedo's

"Steamer sunk in about five min-Austria's Ancona note, the continued utes. Two American citizens aboard. submarine activity principally around Charles H. Grant, is sufe at Alex-Workester, Jan. 3-In his inaugural alarmed and amazed American ont- ed consul of United States at Aden. Alexandria Jan. 1. McNeeley last seen in water. In view of fact sunken vessel being armed, does the depart-ment desire the affidavits?"

The department has advised the consul that it does desire the Amda-

Secretary Lansing announced he (Continued on Page 2.)